GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY ON COAST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the security hazard posed to Tamil Nadu because of the long coast on the east in the wake of global terrorism;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to treat Tamil Nadu as a border state and provide financial assistance to tackle the situation;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Coastal States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which such decision is likely to be taken on such proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (e): Considering the vulnerability of the country`s coasts to illegal cross border activities, the Governments of the Coastal States including Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory Administrations were advised to prepare perspective plans for coastal security for which certain indicative parameters were identified and circulated to them. While proposals from some coastal States were received in this regard, preliminary scrutiny of these proposals reveal that the parameters of coastal security identified and circulated to the coastal States were not addressed adequately. The Coastal States were, therefore, advised to revise their proposals addressing the parameters adequately and indicating the time frame for implementation and phase wise financial requirements. Government would provide such assistance as feasible for implementation of the plan.